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SUBJ: U.S. ECONOMIC COMMISSION OFFICE IN SAUDI ARABIA

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1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELPFUL AND TIMELY MESSAGE. WE WERE ABLE TO USE IT AS BASIS FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH JERRY PARSKY'S ADVISOR, LEW BOWDEN THIS WEEKEND. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM AT AN AID-TYPE RELATIONSHIP WOULD STAISFY OUR OWN REQUIREMENTS AND WOULD ALSO BE EFFECTIVE IN DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE SAG BUREAUCRACY THAT WOULD PLAY A PART IN OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.

2. WE SAID TO BOWDEN THAT UNDER SUCH A SYSTEM ROUTINE MESSAGES WOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY VIA THE COMMISSION TO WASHINGTON, WITH INFO COPIES BEING PROVIDED THE EMBASSY. ALL SUBSTANTIVE MESSAGES, INCLUDING REQUESTS FROM THE SAG FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE, WOULD, OF COURSE, FIRST BE SENT TO THE EMBASSY FOR OUR REVIEW AND TRANSMISSION TO WASHINGTON.

3. I WOULD ALSO WANT TO BE CONSULTED REGARDING THE PERSONALITIES SELECTED TO STAFF THE MISSION IN RIYADH. I WOULD HOPE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO INTERVIEW SOME OF THE CANDIDATES MYSELF IN THE COURSE OF A VISIT TO THE U.S.,
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OR TO HAVE A CHANCE AT LEAST TO COMMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY

UPON ANY LISTING OF CANDIDATES THAT MIGHT BE SUBMITTED
THROUGH YOUR OFFICE.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN YOUR OFFICIAL
CAPACITY TO RIYADH.

5. WARMREGARDS.
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